

RIDM+ MARCH

***América* by Erick Stoll and Chase Whiteside**

Thursday, March 28, 7 p.m., Cinéma du Parc



Montreal, Thursday, March 21, 2019 – The **Montreal International Documentary Festival (RIDM)** is pleased to present the **RIDM+** series, a year-round program of documentaries previously unseen in Quebec, presented by **Télé-Québec**. In March, cinephiles will have the chance to see ***América*** by **Erick Stoll** and **Chase Whiteside**. Filmed over the course of three years, ***América*** is the touching and unforgettable story of three Mexican brothers united against the world, determined to care for their 93-year-old grandmother. It will be shown on **Thursday, March 28 at 7 p.m.** at **Cinéma du Parc**.

Diego, a young amateur circus performer, learns that his father has been unjustly convicted and imprisoned for abusing América, the family's 93-year-old matriarch. He immediately leaves Puerto Vallarta to take care of his grandmother. With the help of his two brothers, Diego emerges as a natural caregiver. The story of Diego and América is inflected with awkwardness and irritation, but above all profound love. Erick Stoll and Chase Whiteside document it with a remarkably delicate touch.

Showing innate talent for capturing the complexity of human emotions, and alert to the ethical issues involved in a project featuring a woman who is by turns unpredictable, endearing and fragile, the filmmakers have made an extraordinary first feature. The film is a portrait of a dedicated, iconoclastic family and a lucid observation of the realities facing natural caregivers. Above all, *América* is a superb tribute to life and those who know how to face it head-on.

AMÉRICA directed by **Erick Stoll** and **Chase Whiteside**

United States | 2018 | 76 minutes

In the original Spanish, with English subtitles

Trailer: bit.ly/america_ba

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Purchase tickets online: bit.ly/ridmplus_boxoffice

On the last Thursday of every month, the **RIDM+** series gives cinephiles the chance to see high-quality documentaries that have achieved recent success at major festivals. The series provides rare opportunities to see these films on the big screen in Montreal, and it also gives audiences the chance to discuss the films with their directors and to attend special presentations by experts in the film's subject matter.

Quebec's only film festival dedicated to documentaries, the Montreal International Documentary Festival presents the best reality-based films, including the works of established directors and new talents.

The RIDM+ series is presented on the last Thursday of the month, from January to May 2019

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